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SUBJECT: PROPAGANDIST REMARKS ON CHINA

1. LENINGRAD PROPAGANDIST HAD A FEW CHOICE WORDS FOR CHINESE AT JUNE 4 EVENING PRESENTATION ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. INTERESTINGLY, HE PREFACED REMARKS WITH OBSERVATION THAT "FRANKLY SPEAKING, THE MAOIST LINE IS SERIOUSLY WEAKENING THE SOVIET STRUGGLE TO INCREASE SOCIALIST UNITY." CHINA WAS ACCUSED OF TAKING STRUGGLE BETWEEN CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM COMPLETELY OFF THE AGENDA AND TRYING TO DIVIDE SOVIET UNION FROM ITS ALLIES. PROPAGANDIST REFERRED TO CHINESE CHARGES THAT SOVIETS ARE EXPLOITING MONGOLIA AND BULGARIA, AMONG OTHERS.

2. STRAUSS VISIT TO CHINA RECEIVED USUAL BRICKBATS AND CHINESE WERE CASTIGATED FOR EXPRESSING "UNDERSTANDING OF SO-CALLED GERMAN PROBLEM." CHINESE RELATIONS WITH COMMON MARKET SAID TO HAVE PURELY POLITICAL PURPOSES. CHINA CHARGED WITH PURSUING ANTI-SOVIET POLICY IN JAPAN AND CHAMPIONING JAPANESE CLAIMS TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES.

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3. ONLY GOOD THING PROPAGANDIST COULD SEE IN SITUATION WAS TO

CONCLUDE REMARKS WITH OBSERVATION THAT SOVIET UNION BELIEVES TIME
IS COMING WHEN CHINESE PEOPLE WILL FINALLY HAVE THEIR SAY.
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